

# Groundwater Committee Meeting

November 26, 2019



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## Agenda Items 1 through 3

1. PUBLIC COMMENT
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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## 4. FCGMA Agenda Review

### Oxnard sub-basin (Oxnard Plain)

**Priority:** High – **Critically Overdrafted**

**Reason:** Seawater intrusion, overdraft

**GSA:** Fox Canyon GMA

### Las Posas basin

**Priority:** High

**Reason:** Water quality, overdraft

**GSA:** Fox Canyon GMA

### Pleasant Valley basin

**Priority:** High – **Critically Overdrafted**

**Reason:** Saline intrusion, overdraft

**GSA:** Fox Canyon GMA

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## Last Month's FCGMA BoD Meeting (11/08/19):

- Brief review of public comments on draft GSPs (released in July 2019)
  - Big-picture concerns (e.g., the actual “plan,” new projects)
    - Few if any changes proposed in this round of GSPs
    - Can be considered at 5-year review
  - Smaller issues (e.g., water-budget details) and some specific suggestions for language “clarifications”
    - Revisions to be made on a “case-by-case” basis
- Minimal Board discussion
- No public comments

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## Other FCGMA Activities

- TAG:
  - Oct. 31—One agenda item: Discuss public comments on GSPs
    - Not enough TAG members present for quorum
    - Kim Loeb mentioned that the TAG might evolve into a stakeholder group with a new direction
- Two new monitoring wells constructed
  - United staff assisted with aquifer picks for well design

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## Key Agenda Items for Dec. 13 BoD Meeting:

- Public hearing to consider adoption of the GSPs for the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley, and Las Posas Valley basins

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## 5. Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MBGSA) Agenda Review

**Mound basin**

**Priority:** High

**Reason:** Water quality, dependence on groundwater, forecasted population growth

**GSA type:** JPA

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### Recent Activities:

- Nov. 20 regular BoD meeting cancelled
- United working with Executive Director and consultant (Intera) to begin analyzing groundwater-level trends

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## Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Next BoD meeting scheduled for December 19
  - Likely to focus on progress, planning for public engagement

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## 6. Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (FPBGSA) Agenda Review

### Fillmore basin

**Priority:** High

**Reason:** Water quality, dependence on groundwater, forecasted population growth

**GSA type:** JPA (Fillmore + Piru)

### Piru basin

**Priority:** High

**Reason:** Water quality, dependence on groundwater

**GSA type:** JPA (Fillmore + Piru)

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## Recent activities:

- October regular BoD meeting cancelled
- November 21 BoD meeting:
  - Focused on outreach and public engagement planning

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## Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Next BoD meeting scheduled for December 19
  - Likely to focus on progress, planning for public engagement

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## 7. Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

**Santa Paula basin**

**Priority:** Very Low

**Reason:** Adjudicated

**GSA type:** Technical Advisory Committee

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## Recent Activities

- TAC meeting on Nov. 7:
  - Progress on “triggers” document for evaluating changes in groundwater levels
  - Review SP Basin Annual Report for 2018

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## Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Next TAC meeting scheduled for February 27, 2020
  - Likely to focus on Annual Reports for 2018 and 2019

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## 8. Update: Brackish-Water Extraction and Treatment System Design Progress

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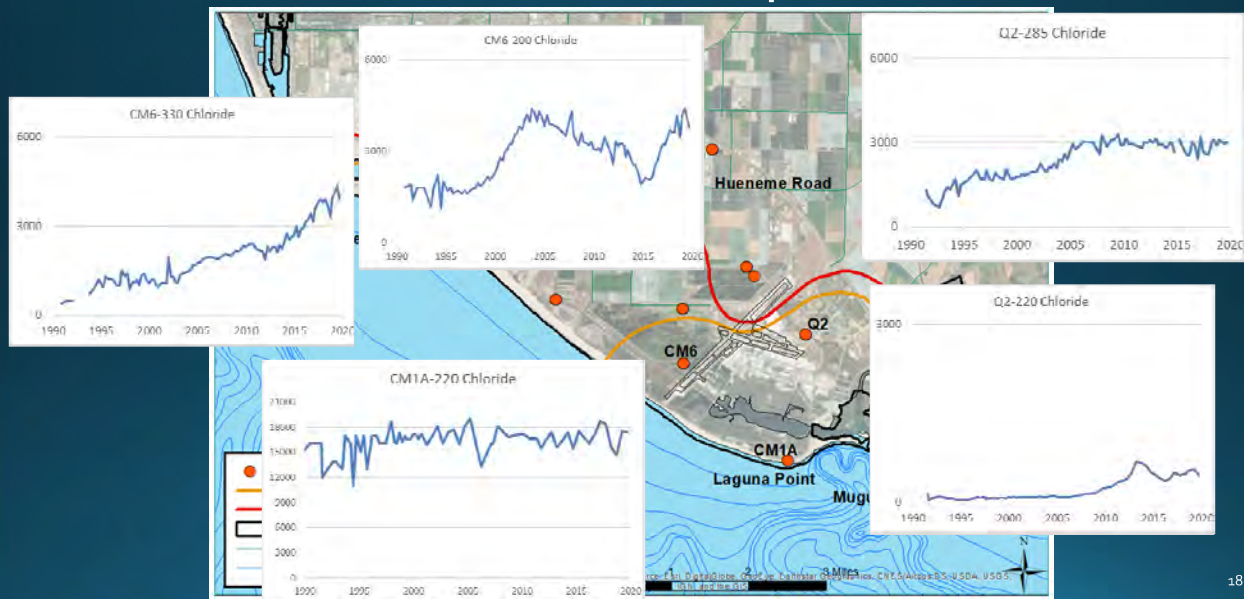
# Coastal Extraction Barrier and Brackish Water Treatment Plant: A Project Concept for Sustainability

Despite long-term efforts to operate the Oxnard Plain and Pleasant Valley basins sustainably, these basins remain critically overdrafted

This project is a possible alternative to significant pumping reductions proposed in the Draft GSPs for the containment of seawater intrusion

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## Southern Oxnard Plain, Episodes of SWI



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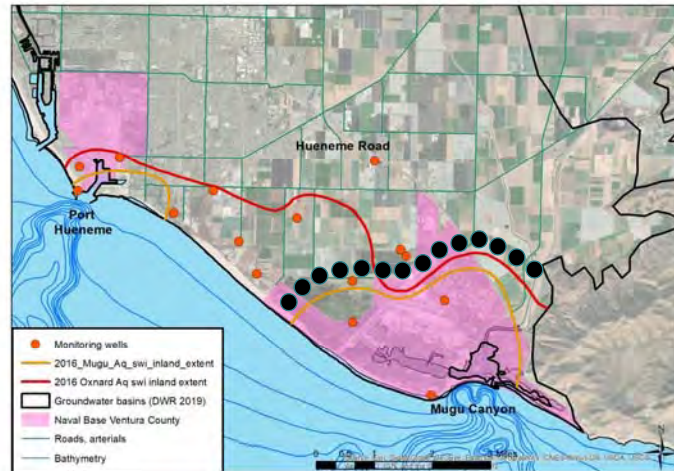
# Injection Barrier Concept

Surround areas of degraded water quality with an array of injection wells, closely spaced

Inject enough water to create a groundwater ridge/divide to prevent further inland intrusion

Difficult to site, hard to confirm that an effective barrier is being maintained

What water might be used?



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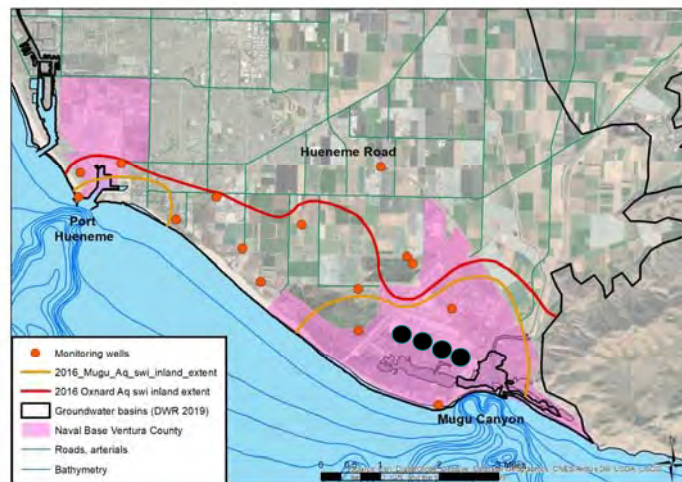
# Extraction Barrier Concept

Use extraction wells to create groundwater trough/depression

Water flows towards extraction wells from all directions

Seawater should not advance inland past the extraction barrier wells

Treat produced brackish water and put to beneficial use (offset groundwater pumping within the basins)

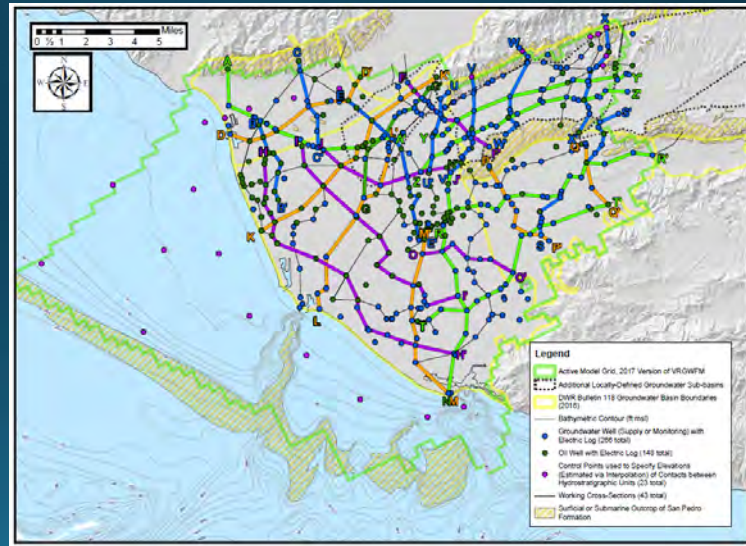


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## Cross Section Lines

Aquifers were mapped as part of the development of United's regional groundwater flow model



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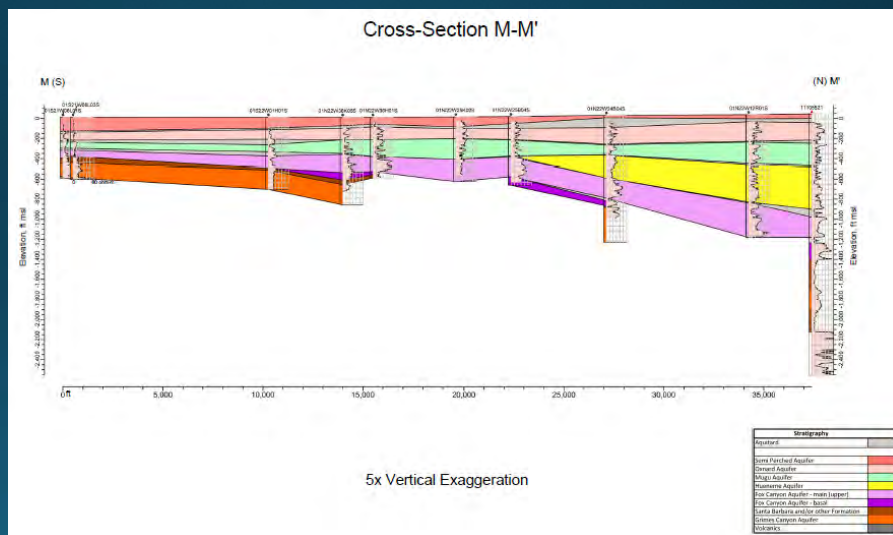
## Geologic Cross Section M-M'

Extends NW from Laguna Point

Hueneme aquifer eroded away in the greater Mugu area

Oxnard and Mugu aquifers are highly permeable and lie flat

Semi-perched aquifer is relatively thick



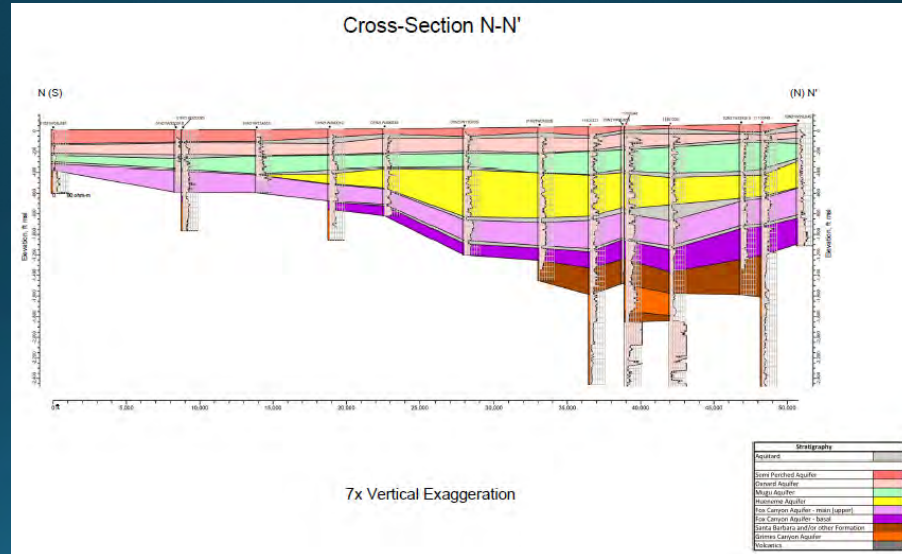
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# Geologic Cross Section N-N'

Extends north from  
Laguna Point

Coastline well is at  
far left of image  
(Well CM1A)

Mugu aquifer  
overlies Fox Canyon  
aquifer in the  
southern portion of  
the Oxnard Plain

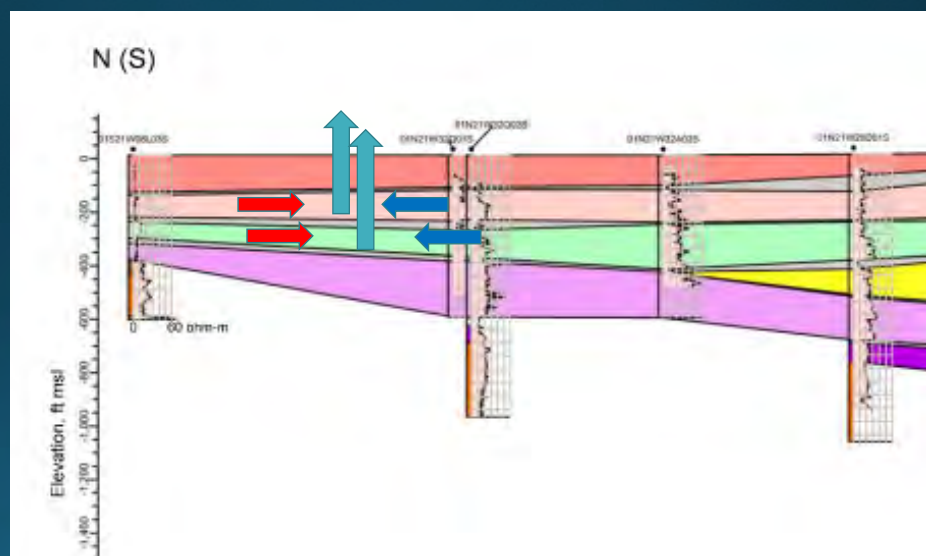


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## Section N-N' Detail and Horizontal Flow with Project

Extraction wells  
induce flow  
towards coastal  
zone from inland  
areas

Also onshore  
flow of seawater

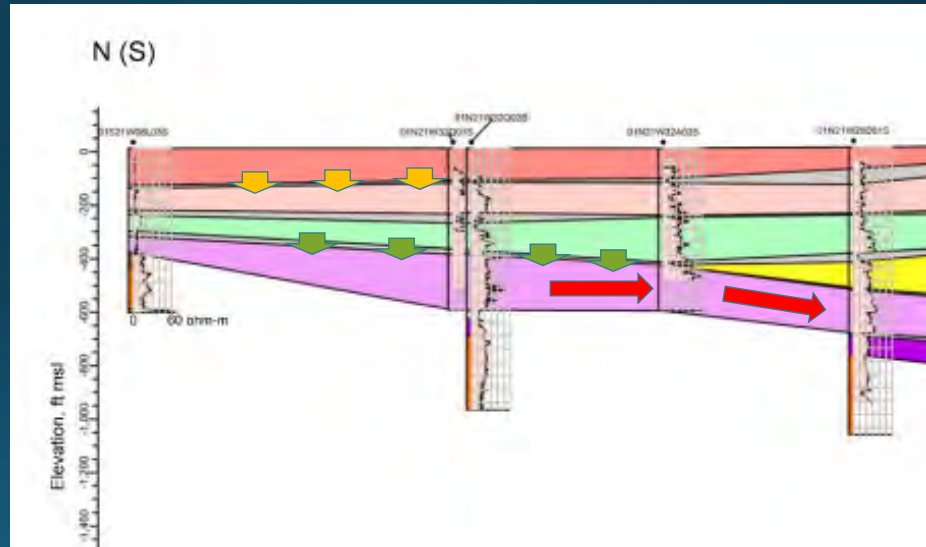


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## Section N-N' Detail and Vertical Flow with Project

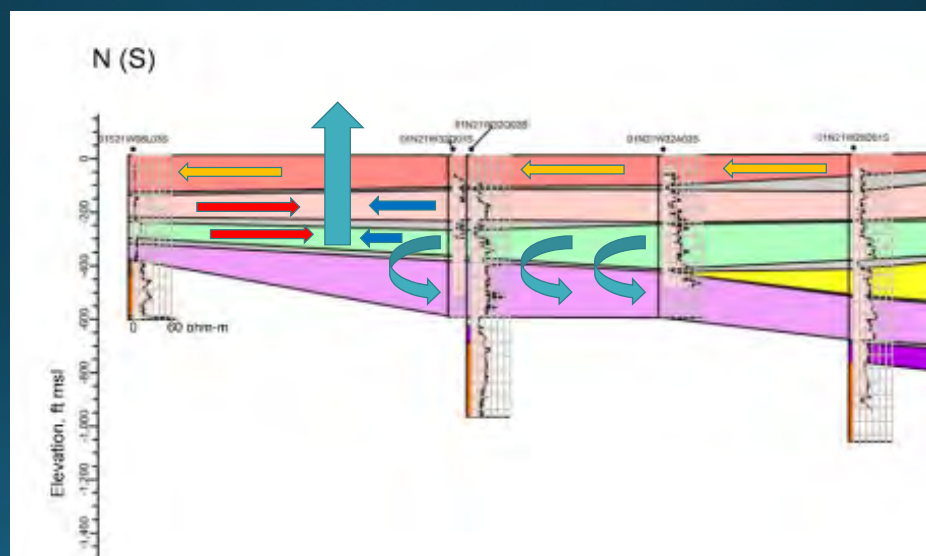
Must assess potential for inducing flow down from the Semi-perched aquifer

Also will assess flow from Mugu aquifer to the underlying FCA, strong downward gradient exists



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## Section N-N' Detail and Conceptual Project Optimal Flow



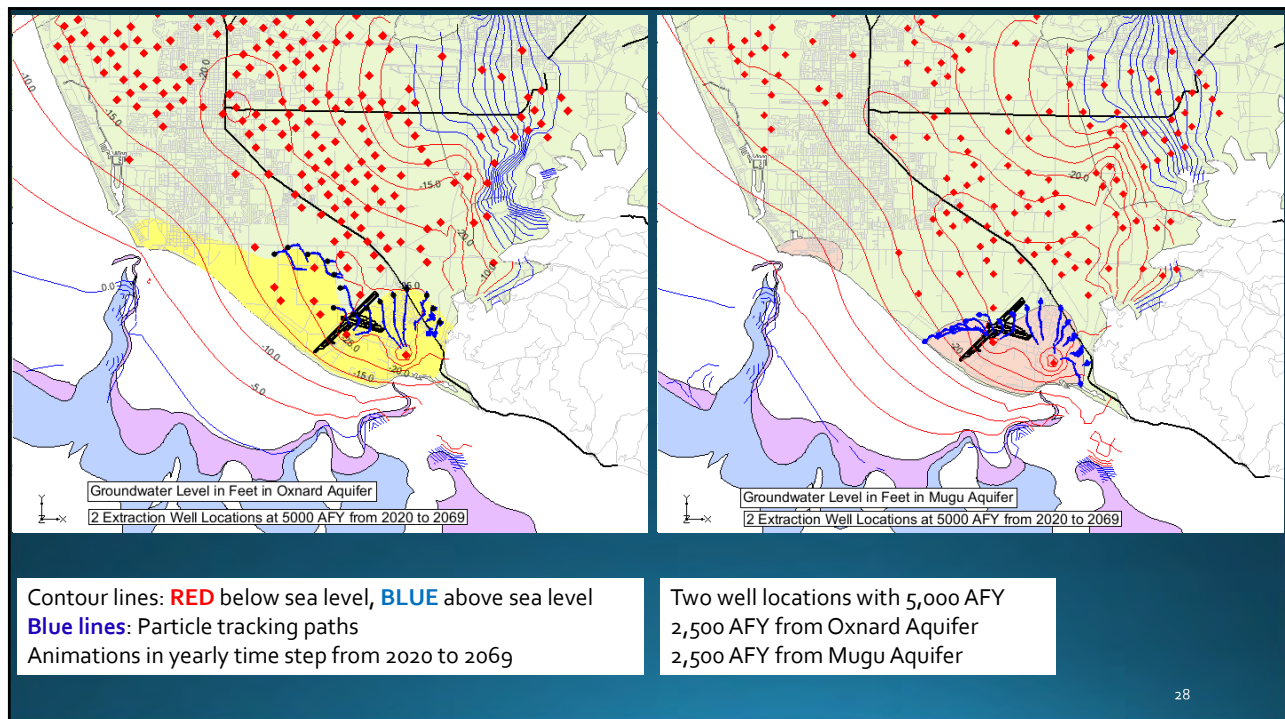
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# Preliminary Groundwater Model Scenario

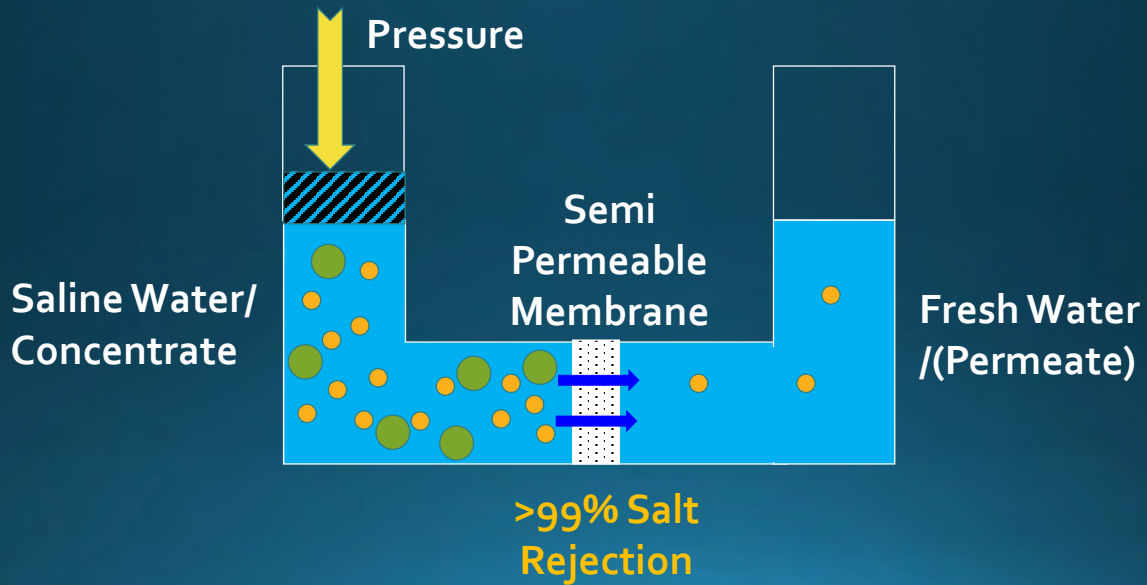
- Extraction Rate: 5,000 acre-ft per year
  - 2,500 AF from Oxnard aquifer
  - 2,500 AF from Mugu aquifer
- Product water from extraction wells not used
- FCGMA's GSP baseline scenario:
  - No pumping reductions
  - No projects

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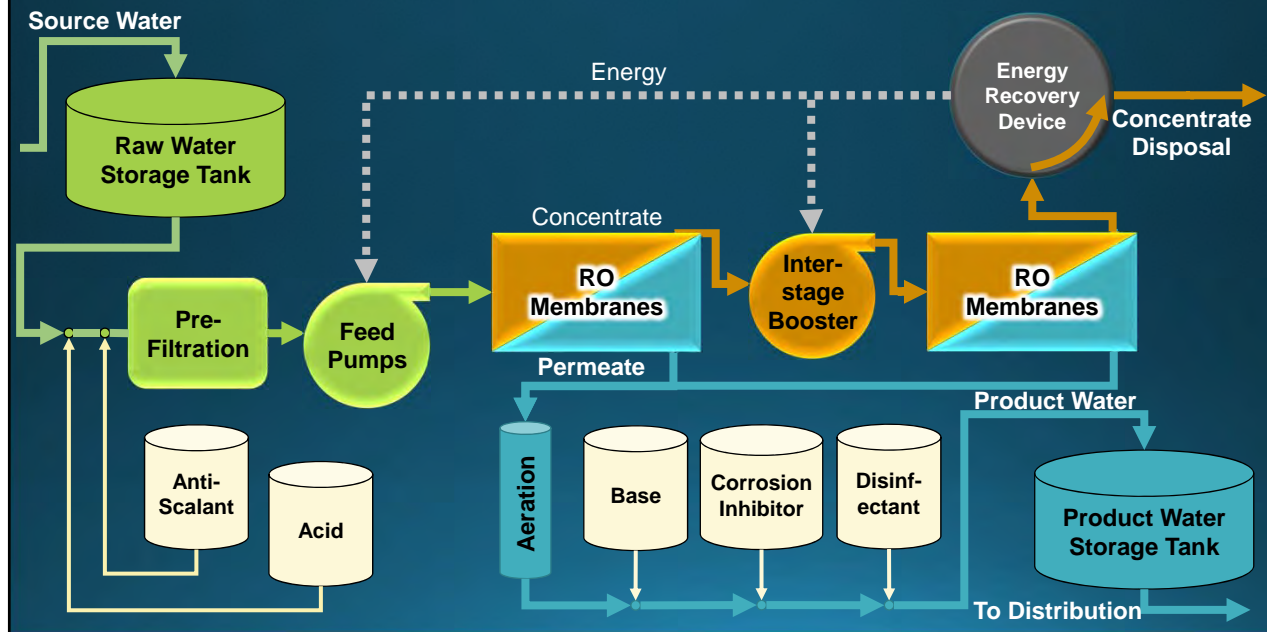


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# Reverse Osmosis Process



# Typical Reverse Osmosis Facility



# Feed Water Quality Effects on RO Process Membrane Selection

Typical TDS <sup>(1)</sup> [mg/L]		Approx. Osmotic Pressure <sup>(2)</sup> [psig]
1,000	Fresh Water	11
2,500	Slightly Saline	27.5
10,000	Moderately Saline (Brackish)	110
35,000	Highly Saline	385
	Seawater	

## Brackish Water Treatment Membranes <sup>(2)</sup>

- **Feed Pressures: < 600 psig**
- Permeate Recovery: 15% per Element
- Salt Rejection: >99% @ < 2,000 ppm NaCl
- Membrane Area: 365 to 440 ft<sup>2</sup> per Elem.

Membrane Element



Spiral-Wound Composite Polyamide

Approx. Transition



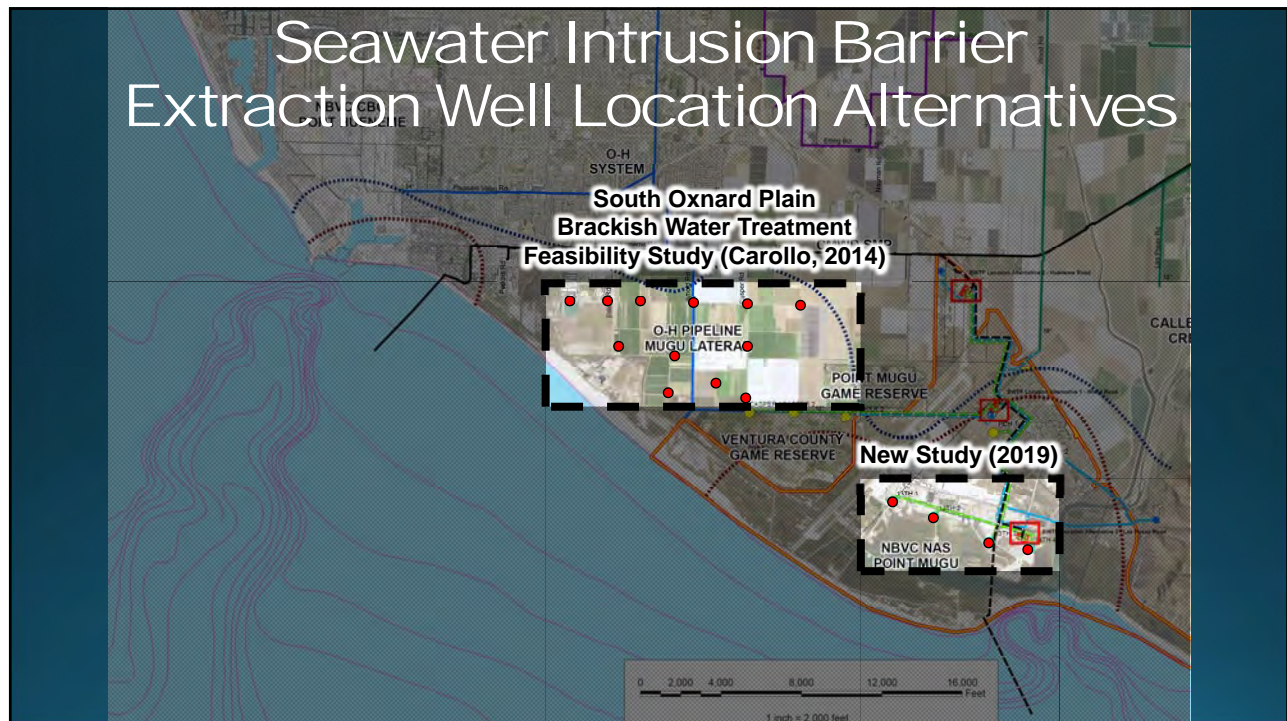
## Sea Water Treatment Membranes <sup>(2)</sup>

- **Feed Pressures: < 1,200 psig**
- Permeate Recovery: 10% per Element
- Salt Rejection: >99.6% @ 32,000 ppm NaCl
- Membrane Area: 400 to 440 ft<sup>2</sup> per Elem.

(1) Brackish Groundwater in the United States (United States Geological Society, 2017)

(2) Information gathered from available manufacturer literature (Nitro Hydraulics, DuPont Filmtec)

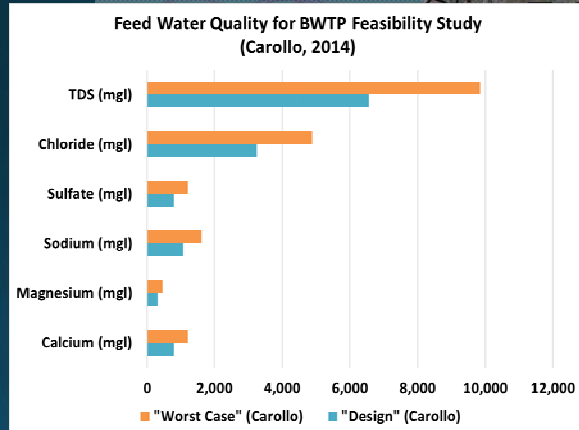
# Seawater Intrusion Barrier Extraction Well Location Alternatives



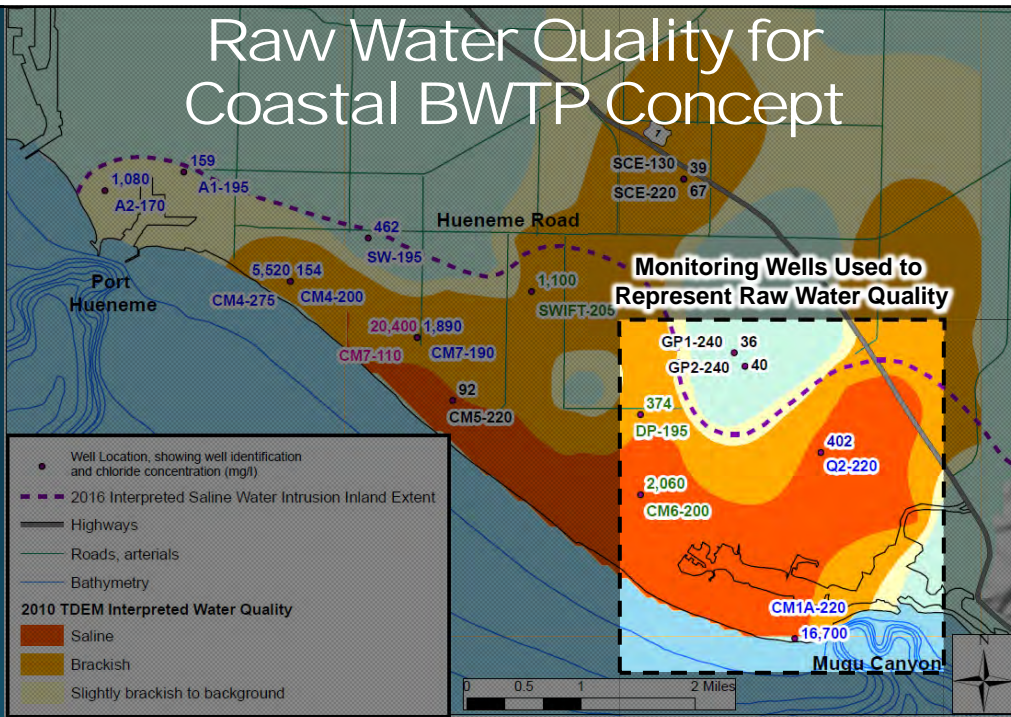


# Feasibility Study (Carollo, 2014)

## South Oxnard Plain Brackish Water Treatment Feasibility Study (Carollo, 2014)

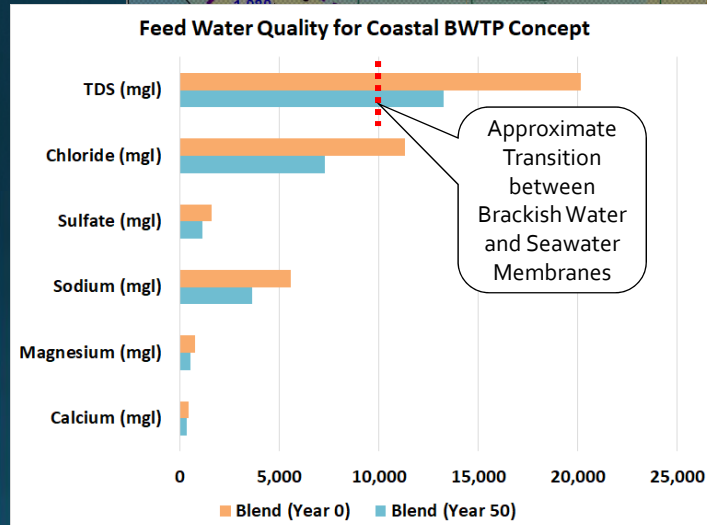


## Raw Water Quality for Coastal BWTP Concept

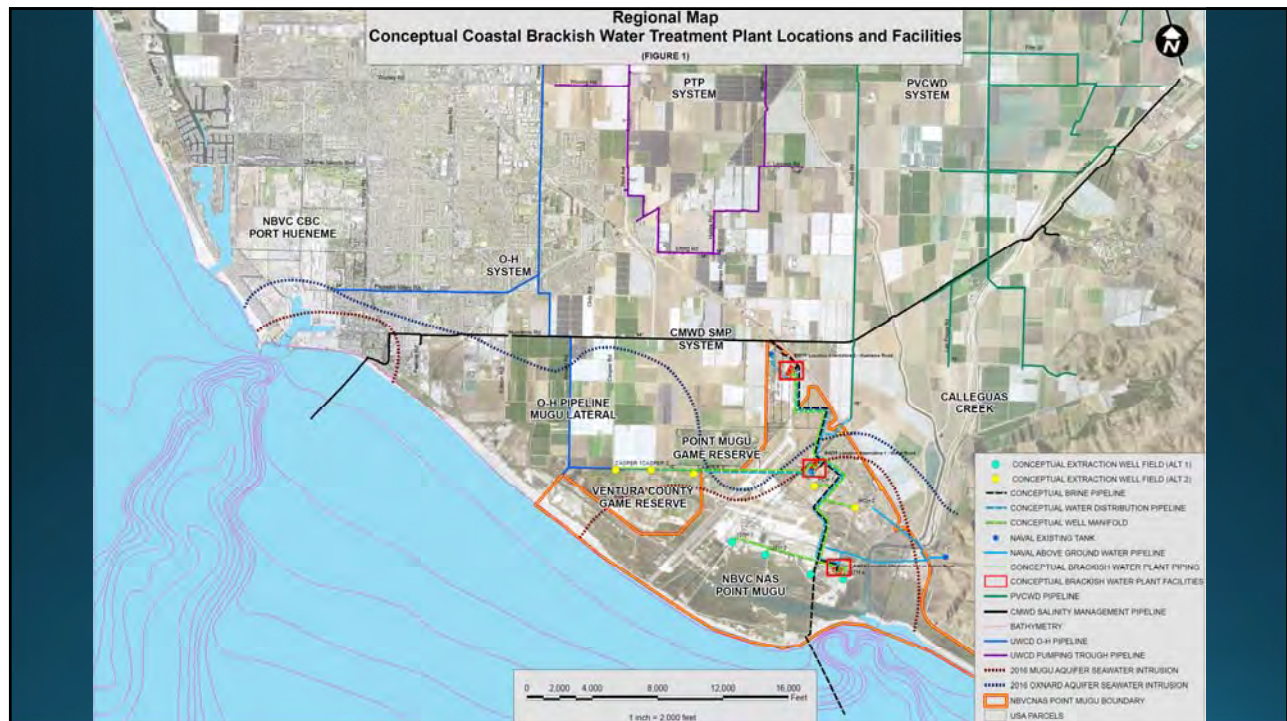
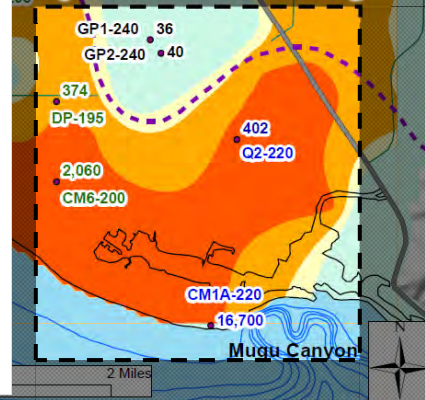




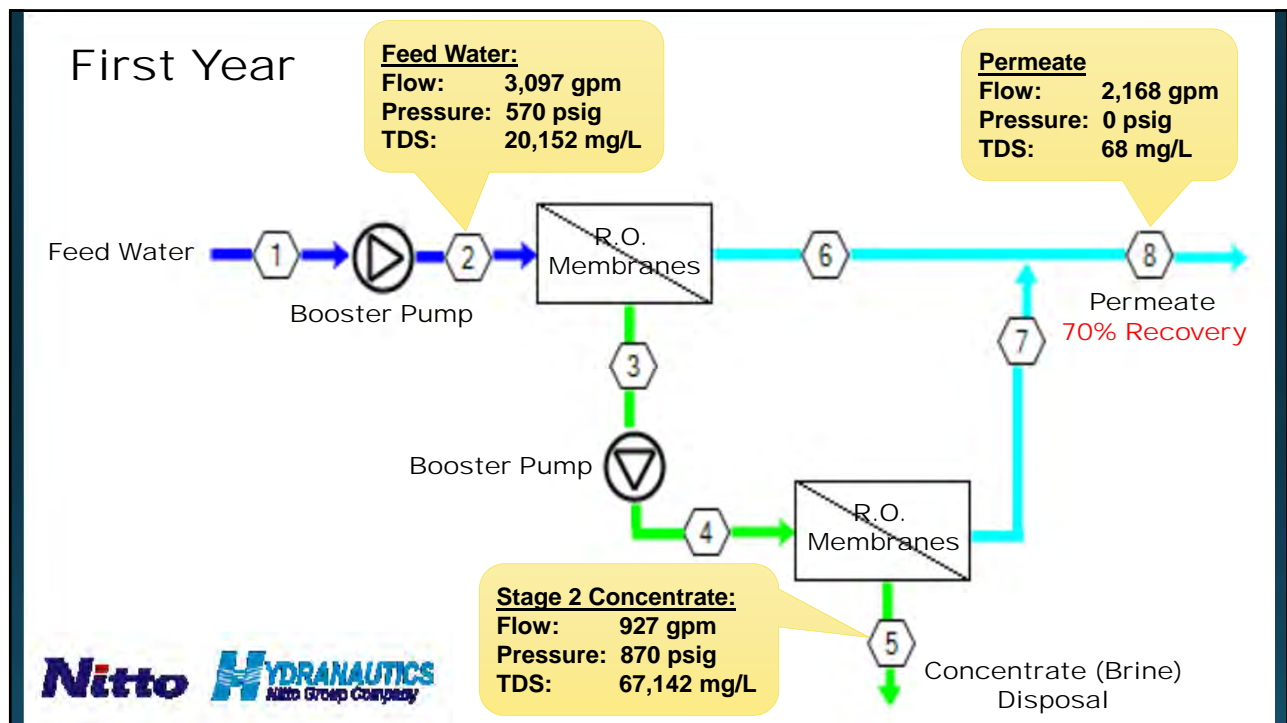
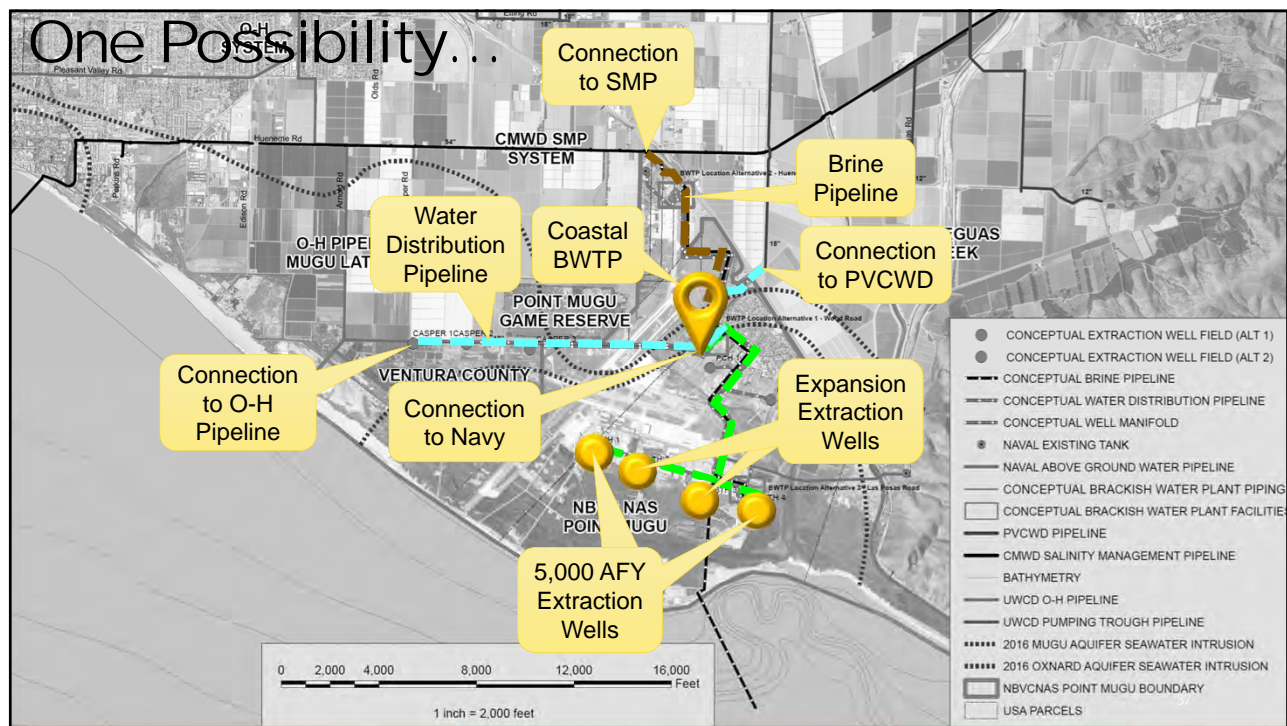
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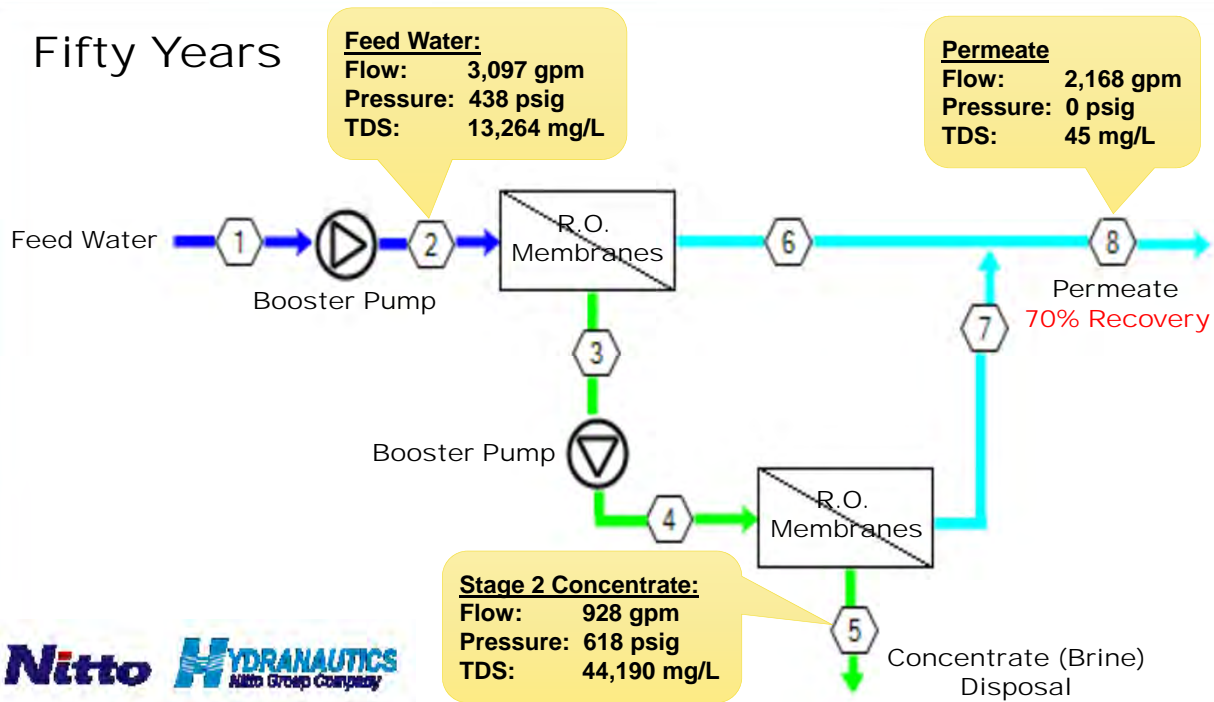
## Monitoring Wells Used to Represent Raw Water Quality







## Fifty Years

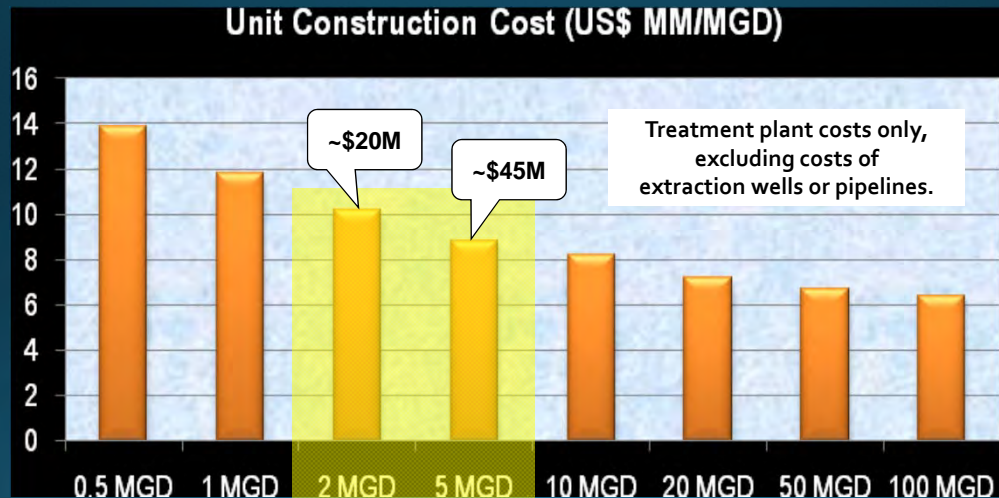


## Post-Treatment Water Quality Considerations

Parameters	Drinking Water Requirements	Agricultural Requirements	
		Slight to Moderate Yield Loss	Severe Yield Loss (Crop Growth Ceases)
<b>Electrical Conductivity (EC) [dS/m]</b>	0.9 – rec. limit <sup>(2)</sup> 1.6 – upper limit <sup>(2)</sup> 2.2 – short-term limit <sup>(2)</sup>	0.9 to 1.7 – strawberries <sup>(3)</sup> 1.6 to 3.2 – oranges <sup>(3)</sup> 2.3 to 6.6 – celery <sup>(3)</sup>	>2.7 – strawberries <sup>(3)</sup> >5.3 – oranges <sup>(3)</sup> >12 – celery <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) [mg/L]</b>	500 – rec. limit <sup>(2)</sup> 1,000 – upper limit <sup>(2)</sup> 1,500 – short-term limit <sup>(2)</sup>	450 – 2,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	> 2,000 <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Chloride [mg/L]</b>	250 – rec. limit <sup>(2)</sup> 500 – upper limit <sup>(2)</sup> 600 – short-term limit <sup>(2)</sup>	105 – 350 <sup>(4)</sup>	> 350 <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Nitrate (as Nitrogen) [mg/L]</b>	10 <sup>(1)</sup>	5 – 30 <sup>(4)</sup>	> 30 <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Boron [mg/L]</b>	None	0.7 – 3.0 <sup>(4)</sup>	> 3.0 <sup>(4)</sup>

- (1) Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels (California State Water Resources Control Board, 2018)  
 (2) Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (California State Water Resources Control Board, 2018)  
 (3) Water Quality for Agriculture (Ayers and Westcott, 1985)  
 (4) Technical Guidelines for Irrigation Suitability Land Classification (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 2005)

# Potential Capital Costs



Reference: Seawater Desalination Costs. WaterReuse Association. January 2012.

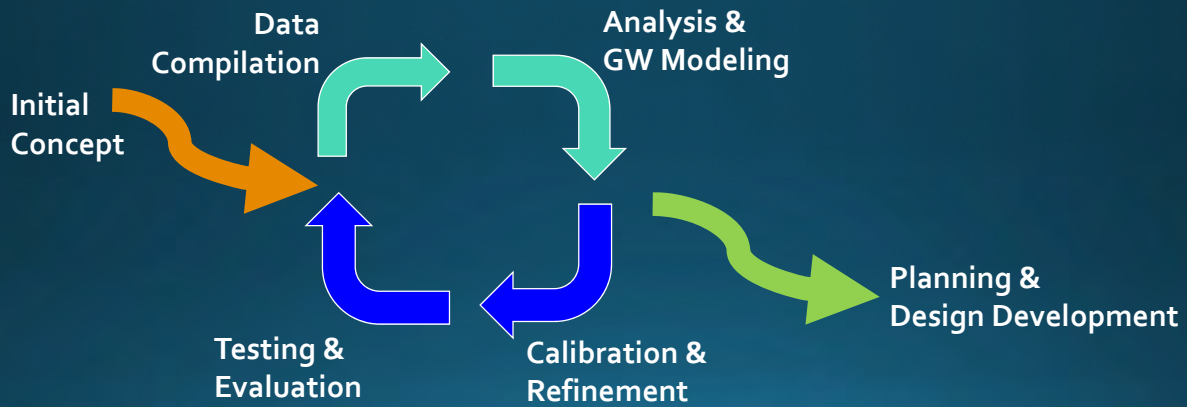
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## Seawater RO Desalination Costs

Plant Capacity, Location	Online Since	Capital Cost	Annual O&M Cost per 1000 gal	Cost of Water per 1000 gal	Cost of Water per Acre-foot
0.6 MGD Sand City, CA	2010	\$11.9 M	\$2.6	\$4.2	\$1,369
25 MGD Tampa Bay, FL	2008	\$138 M	\$1.4	\$3.6	\$1,173
50 MGD Carlsbad, CA	2015	\$860 M	\$3.6	\$6.5	\$2,118
7.5 MGD (8,400 AFY) Santa Barbara, CA	2017	\$48 M	\$2.2	\$4.4	\$1,434

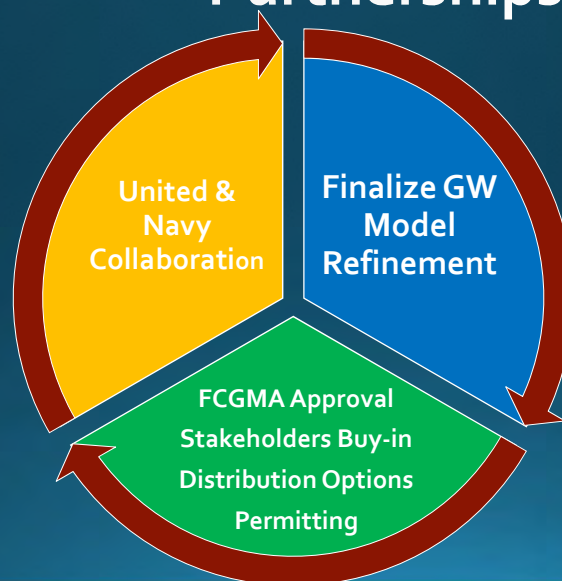
Reference: N. Voutchkov, PE, BCEE, Water Global Consultants, Seawater Desalination Current Status and Trends May<sup>2</sup>13, 2019

## Path Forward – Data Processing



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## Path Forward – Continue Building Partnerships



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# Path Forward - Engineering

## Key Design Considerations

- Environmental Impact Analysis and Permitting
- Extraction Wellfield Size
- Coastal BWTP Capacity and Location
- Feed Water Quality
- Treated Water Quality Goals and Distribution Options
- Brine Discharge Alternatives
- Pilot Testing to Confirm Design Criteria
- Design Development
- Construction

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## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS



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## 10. ADJOURNMENT

